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NACo High Performance Leadership Academy – **Camden County Graduates Recognized**

WOODBINE, Ga. - September 8, 2022 - Two Camden County employees received a Master Certificate in Leadership as a part of the National Association of Counties (NACo) High Performance Leadership Academy (HPLA). Janice Beckham and Kelsey Kelley have completed the 12-week program.

"We are extremely proud of these local government leaders," said County Administrator Steve Howard. "This was an amazing opportunity for Camden County to participate in this innovative distance learning program with a world-class faculty."



From Left: Purchasing Officer Kelsey Kelley and Finance Director Janice Beckham

NACo's HPLA was created to equip frontline county government professionals with practical leadership skills to deliver results for counties and communities. With a robust curriculum developed by the Professional Development Academy in partnership with Fortune 1000 executives, public sector leaders, world-renowned academics and thought leaders, HPLA was designed specifically for the unique challenges and opportunities of serving in county government.

Janice Beckham began working for the Camden County Board of Commissioners in March 2015 and currently serves as Finance Director. Kelsey Kelley began working for the Camden County Board of Commissioners the Purchasing Officer in as November 2019.

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"I appreciate the hard work and dedication that Janice and Kelsey have demonstrated to Camden County and the finance team," said Chief Financial Officer Nancy Clark-Gonzalez. "This is a wonderful program to enhance leadership skills, and I'm so glad they were able to participate."

About NACo High Performance Leadership Academy: The NACo High Performance Leadership Academy is an innovative, completely online 12-week program created to equip frontline county government professionals with practical leadership skills to deliver results for counties and communities. With a robust curriculum developed by the Professional Development Academy in partnership with Fortune 1000 executives, public sector leaders, world-renowned academics and thought leaders, including General Colin Powell and Dr. Marshall Goldsmith, HPLA was designed specifically for the unique challenges and opportunities of serving in county government.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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